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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
James G. MCERLEAN et al.

Application No.: 10/634992

Confirmation No.: 7424

Filed: August 6, 2003

Art Unit: 3721

For: AUTOMATED CONTAINER BULKING
SYSTEM AND METHOD OPTIONALLY
INTEGRATED WITH AUTOMATED
DISPENSING SYSTEM AND/OR
AUTOMATED LABELING AND
PACKAGING SYSTEM

Examiner: H. Desai

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action issued February 28, 2006, having a one-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire by March 28, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time through April 28, 2006 and the required fee are enclosed.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group 1 (claims 1-51 and 60-71, drawn to system and method for emptying containers, classified in class 414) for prosecution.

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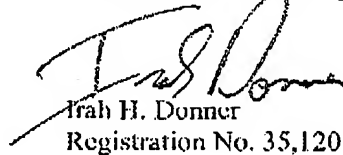
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

In the event that an Extension of Time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an Extension of Time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that Extension of Time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an Extension of Time or credit any overpayment for an Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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